(d) whether U.P. Police, in its report on November, 2006 has mentioned that the State is becoming hub of ISI; and

(e) if so, whether the Centre would issue any directions/guidelines to U.P. Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) On 01.01.2008 at about 02.30 hours, terrorists attacked the CRPF Group Centre Rampur (U.P.) with automatic rifles and hand grenades. As a result, 08 persons (07 CRPF personnel and 01 civilian) were killed while 05 persons (03 CRPF personnel, 01 local Policeman and 01 Home Guard) were injured.

(b) Intelligence inputs in this regard were shared with all concerned.

(c) The State Government has informed that it had alerted all concerned. The District Magistrate/Superintendent of Police, Rampur, also held meetings with the officials of CRPF to review and strengthen the security arrangements. *lnter-alia* these arrangements included deployment of PAC and civil police at sensitive locations within the centre and restriction of movement on the public road running through the centre.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Terrorists entering through sea route

†685. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that length of borer along the sea is 7,516 km.;

(b) if not, the actual length of it;

(c) whether Government has received any information regarding entry of terrorists into India by crossing this border;

(d) if so, whether the Government has decided to establish additional police Stations on this border; and

(e) the number of police stations set up by now and the number of people appointed in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR1MATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has a coastline of 7516.6 km.

(c) There are reports indicating that some terrorist organizations have plans to infiltrate their agents and arms and ammunitions into India through sea routes.

(d) and (e) The Union Government is implementing a Coastal Security Scheme to give assistance to coastal States and UTs to strengthen infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas including close coastal waters. Under the Scheme, 73 coastal police stations, 97 check posts 58 outposts and 30 operational barracks with provision of vehicles and vessels fitted with modern navigational and maritime equipment have been approved.

So far, 47 out of 73 coastal police stations have been made operational in Gujarat (10), Andhra Pradesh (6), West Bengal (4), Goa (3), Kerala (1), Maharashtra (12), Karnataka (5), Puducherry (1), Lakshadweep (4) and Daman (1) by making premises and trained manpower available. All the coastal States and UTs have sanctioned the executive posts for coastal police stations.

Dealing with sophisticated weapons with Maoists

686.. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maoists have acquired sophisticated weapons like LMG Mortar Launchers, SLRs and A.K. 47 etc. and have raided Police headquarters and CRPF campus etc. several times during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents by Maoists and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has ever tried to find out the actual source of the acquisition of such arms by Maoists and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to plug those sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, Maoists have sophisticated weapons.

32 battalions of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and 1 battalion of State Armed Police on inter-State deputation are currently deployed on anti-naxalite duties for assisting various State police forces. In 2006, there were 232 encounters between the CRPF and the naxalites, and 81 incidents of attacks on the CRPF by the naxalites. In 2007, there were 184 encounters between the CRPF and the naxalites, and 77 incidents of attacks on the CRPF by the naxalites.

Naxalites primarily get a substantial bulk of their weapons by looting. They also get them from illicit weapons manufacturing units. Law and order being a State subject, action in this regard is taken by the concerned State Government. State Governments maintain close vigil in this respect, and also conduct Intelligence-based operations against naxalite hideouts and illicit weapon manufacturing units.

Increase in cases of illicit drugs

687. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase of 50 per cent in the cases registered for transporting illicit drugs as compared. to last year;

(b) whether there is an increase in the quantum of the contraband seized by the Narcotic Control Bureau this year; and

(c) the steps taken to effectively bring down the increase in such incidents and to control it?